Statement

Bank-wise details of authorisations granted to Nationalised Banks for opening of branches during the period April 2005—March 2006

Sl.No.	Name of the Bank	Branches
1.	Allahabad Bank	50
2.	Andhra Bank	27
3.	Bank of Baroda	20
4.	Bank of India	23
5.	Bank of Maharashtra	50
6.	Canara Bank	20
7.	Central Bank of India	4
8.	Corporation Bank	45
9.	Indian Bank	13
10.	Indian Overseas Bank	20
11.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	67
12.	Punjab National Bank	35
13.	Syndicate Bank	37
14.	UCO Bank	50
15.	Union Bank of India	99
16.	United Bank of India	4
17.	Vijaya Bank	30
	TOTAL	594

Vigilance cases pending against Tax Officials

1567. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether corruption in tax departments relates to connivance of the corrupt officials with the evaders;

(b) how many corrupt officials have been nabbed so far and how many vigilance cases are pending against such officers; and

(c) the steps taken to speed up disposal of vigilance cases against all such corrupt officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) In some cases, Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of corrupt officials nabbed so far and the number of vigilance cases pending against such officers during each of the last three years is as under:

Central Board of Direct Taxes

Year	CBI cases	Departmental cases
2003	14	32
2004	13	62
2005	30	55
TOTAL	57	149

Central Board of Excise & Customs

Year	Number of officers of Customs & Central Excise booked in corruption cases	Number of vigilance cases pending against such officers
2003-04	231	112
2004-05	203	129
2005-06	281	213
2006-07 (upto July, 06)	66	55

(c) The steps taken to speed up disposal of vigilance cases against all such corrupt officials include formulation of action plan for disposal of vigilance cases each year based on the guidelines/time frame of CVC, periodic review of vigilance cases, continuous of the RDAs, issue of charge memos expeditiously wherever warranted, appointment of Inquiry Officers and Presenting Officers promptly etc.